

Phoenix Rising – Outcomes of the Phoenix Co-learning Workshop

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Q: What happens when you lock
lawyers and biologists up
together....

**...WITH A FEW LAW
ENFORCEMENT FOLKS....**

...IN PHOENIX....

...IN AUGUST....



A: Amazing Things

- *Creation of an action plan that articulates needed actions at the federal/national, regional, state, and local levels to minimize the expansion of invasive mussels through watercraft movements in the western United States.*
- *...and MOVEMENT on those goals!*



Goals Reached

- Production of five legal journal articles by National Sea Grant Law Center and partners covering topics such as:
 - Lacey Act
 - Privacy Issues - sharing boat information
 - Permissible Searches
- THIS Workshop



Related Activities

- *Preventing an Invasion: Building a Regional Defense Against Quagga and Zebra Mussels*
- Oregon - emergency rule change to specify Wildlife Integrity Rule to include both “live and dead” invasive mussels
- Nebraska Attorney General workshop “*Preventing an Invasion: Building a Regional Defense Against Quagga and Zebra Mussels*”
- New state laws in Montana and Nebraska
- Other legislative items (covered by Stephen Phillips)
- Lab research project to determine “viability” of mussels

Ongoing Work

- Working group of federal sister agencies to:
 - Identify roles/responsibilities of federal partners with regard to AIS (November 2013 goal)
 - develop similar consistent regulations regarding movement of invasives on and off federal lands (December 2014 goal)
- Development of standard consistent terms/definitions for use by state agencies in state regulations regarding invasive mussels and boating programs. (ISAC lead July 2013 goal)
- Development of watercraft check in/out database - app with MobileSolutions testing this boating season

Next Step – Denver

- Bring subsets of our co-learning communities together again
- Goal #1 – Develop agreement amongst Western AIS coordinators for common acceptance of big picture questions:
 - Monitoring/testing protocols
 - What is an infested waterbody?
 - Acceptance of seals/inspections across state lines
- Goal #2 – Develop model statutory/regulatory language for a comprehensive watercraft inspection/decontamination program



Partners – More Hands to Get the Job Done!

